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## **DELAWARE ANNOUNCES CYBER SECURITY AWARENESS MONTH** **Statewide Computer Safety Campaign throughout month of October**

Dover – The Department of Technology and Information (DTI) announces that October 2005 is Cyber Security Awareness month. Cyber Security Awareness month is a national effort to educate internet users of all ages about safe computing and internet practices. The federal Department of Homeland Security, the Federal Trade Commission and a host of other federal, state and local government agencies have joined together to bring cyber safety tips and best practices to the home and business user.

Delaware will formally kick off its efforts with an event with Governor Minner on Wednesday October 5<sup>th</sup> at DTI's Dover headquarters. The Governor will join CIO Tom Jarrett and others for a proclamation signing ceremony. "As we rely more and more upon our computers for everything from work to school to staying in touch with family members, it is important that we protect ourselves on the internet, just as we do at home by locking our doors," said Governor Minner. "DTI has put together an information campaign that will use many different methods to provide information and cyber safety tips for all Delawareans."

Two different information flyers will be inserted into local newspapers statewide, one geared to home computer safety and one specifically designed for internet safety for children. Radio and television public service announcements will appear throughout the month and school districts statewide will be provided with posters on cyber safety. CIO Jarrett will appear on a local cable newsprogram which will also air during October.

The State of Delaware's website, [www.delaware.gov](http://www.delaware.gov) will feature a section on cybersecurity. Those who visit the portal can click on to the cyber security month logo, and will be directed to special computer safety pages attached to DTI's website. There will be a tip a day on computer safety, numerous links to cyber security sites and lots of fun activities and games for children.

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Additionally, during mid October DTI and several other state agencies will participate in “tabletop” cyberterrorism attack simulation designed to emulate real life cyber attacks and the steps each agency would take to protect and prevent damage to the state’s computer network. On the 18<sup>th</sup> of October, the second annual State of Delaware IT conference will be held in Dover. Last year, over 300 technology professionals attended the event.

For more information on specific events and activities, contact the Delaware Department of Technology and Information at 739-9629 or log onto [www.delaware.gov](http://www.delaware.gov) and click on the Cyber Security Awareness logo.

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